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## **MORPC Issues Recommendation for Communities on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> Trick or Treat**

**(Columbus –October 30, 2012)** Since 1993, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) has supported and recommended a cooperative date for celebrating Halloween in the central Ohio region. Due to inclement weather caused by Hurricane Sandy, MORPC is being contacted by local communities for a recommendation about continuing to hold Trick or Treat tomorrow, October 31. MORPC recommends the following action:

The National Weather Service forecast Wednesday's weather to be cold, high 30s to low 40s, winds from 10 – 25 mph, but no dangerous weather conditions. Unless these conditions worsen, MORPC recommends Trick or Treat proceed as originally scheduled in each Community. If the conditions change, then the Communities should discuss with their Emergency Management Departments and take whatever precautions are necessary to keep residents and property safe and postpone Trick or Treat until the following day, Thursday, November 1.

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